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TO: School District Superintendents
Curriculum Directors
Instructional Coaches
Principals
K-12 Teachers

FROM: Lisa Weigel, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: November 14, 2016

SUBJECT: Poetry Out Loud!

POETRY OUT LOUD STATE AND NATIONAL COMPETITION

Poetry Out Loud is a free national program that encourages students in grades 9-12 to learn about poetry through recitation and performance. Students develop and improve public speaking skills, build self-confidence, discover a love of poetry and the written word, and can win cash prizes, money for their school library, or a trip to Washington, D.C.

Regional and state competitions will take place in Wyoming high schools this fall and early spring. Teacher registration is currently open through December 16. Register today so students can be prepared to compete!

For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://wyoarts.state.wy.us/wac-program/poetryoutloud/>

Registered teachers will receive a toolkit with posters, lesson plans, and a teacher's guide. Additional resources, as well as an anthology of poems are available on the Poetry Out Loud website:

<http://www.poetryoutloud.org/teaching-resources/lesson-plans>

For more information, please contact Tara Pappas, Wyoming Arts Council, at 307-777-7109 or tara.pappas@wyo.gov or Monica Mosier, WDE Language Arts, Fine and Performing Arts, at 307-777-8595 or monica.mosier@wyo.gov.